

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously added). A tobacco substitute composition comprising 80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*, 1-10 weight percent of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and 1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The composition of claim 1 4, further comprising glycerol.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The composition of claim 1 4, further comprising peppermint oil.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new). A nicotine-free tobacco substitute composition comprising  
80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*;  
1-10 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and  
1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 9 (new). The composition of claim 8, comprising  
87 weight percent *Eucommia ulmoides*;  
5 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and  
5 weight percent *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 10 (new). The composition of claim 8, further comprising a flavorant.

Claim 11 (new). The composition of claim 10, wherein the flavorant is glycerol.

Claim 12 (new). The composition of claim 10, wherein the flavorant is peppermint oil.

Claim 13 (new). A nicotine-free tobacco substitute composition consisting essentially of  
80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*;  
1-10 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and  
1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 14 (new). The composition of claim 13, further comprising a flavorant.

Claim 15 (new). The composition of claim 14, wherein the flavorant is glycerol.

Claim 16 (new). The composition of claim 14, wherein the flavorant is peppermint oil.

Claim 17 (new). A nicotine-free tobacco substitute composition consisting essentially of  
*Eucommia ulmoides* in an amount effective to provide the composition  
with the taste of tobacco;  
*Glycyrrhiza glabra* in an amount effective to facilitate the discharge of  
sputum and to smooth airways; and

*Perilla frutescens* in an amount effective to facilitate the suppression of coughing.

Claim 18 (new). The composition of claim 17, wherein the composition comprises  
80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*;  
1-10 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and  
1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 19 (new). The composition of claim 18, comprising  
87 weight percent *Eucommia ulmoides*;  
5 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and  
5 weight percent *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 20 (new). The composition of claim 17, further comprising a flavorant.

Claim 21 (new). The composition of claim 20, wherein the flavorant is glycerol.

Claim 22 (new). The composition of claim 20, wherein the flavorant is peppermint oil.

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